



## Turning Over a New Leaf

The Old Year's ended, and in the Book of Life a page is turned over. There should be an air of finality about the ceremony; for what's done is done—and there's an end of it.

The sands of life run too swiftly to take account of yesterday; your failures and your triumphs are alike buried in the graveyard of Time, as death levels prince and peasant.

You've made mistakes, but this is the time to forget them. They have no reality but are merely ghosts to frighten the superstitious. Today—and tomorrow—belong to you. Make the most of them. If you have been improvident, correct your fault.

Start a Savings Account now—turn over a new leaf.

## The First National Bank of Celina

"The Home for Savings."

### ST. ROSA

Miss Emma Quatman, of Burkettville, spent a few days with the John Fortkamp family.

Last Sunday two new church wardens for the St. Rosa congregation were elected: Fred Stucke and Henry Dahlinghaus.

Frank Molring and wife from Minster, spent New Year's Day with friends and relatives here.

A number from here attended a basketball game at Minster on New Year's afternoon.

The St. Rosa basketball team played against the St. Henry boys at St. Henry last Thursday evening. They played an excellent game.

Ed J. Hasselman and family, of Osgood visited relatives here on New Year's day.

On New Year's Day the pews were rented in the St. Rosa church for the coming year. They brought the neat sum of \$2,500.

During the latter part of February, Julius Griesdorn will erect his sawmill at the August Lengerich place and will be ready to saw your logs.

Anthony Holtheide and wife spent a few days with the August Heckman family at New Cleveland.

**NOTICE CHANGE OF DATE FOR DR. SULEEBA**

Dr. Suleeba will be at Washington Tp. High School Saturday evening, January 5, fourth number of lecture course.

Please note change of date. Everybody come.

Schooled in hard poverty, Thomas Carlyle, one of the world's greatest philosophers, said in his old age: "There are out there two ways of paying debt: increase of industry in raising income, increase of thrift in laying out." To keep out of debt, lay away your savings in the form of Thrift Stamps and United States War Savings Certificate Stamps.

### NOTICE

We desire to call the attention of all Mercer County Mutual Telephone holders to our annual election on Tuesday, January 1, 1918, 1 to 4 p.m., and would suggest that if you have not already paid your annual assessment of \$5.00 that you come prepared to do so.

Also remember our annual meeting at the City Hall, Celina, O., on Tuesday, January 8, at 10 a.m., to which all are cordially invited to attend.

J. F. FRAHM, President.

W. A. WAGGONER, Sec'y.

## FARMS FOR SALE

**120 acres** in Center township, 3-4 mile to school and church; good house and barn and a splendid farm; at the right price.

**120 acres** in Center township; good land and last chance at \$100 per acre; it will pay any one to investigate this farm.

**160 acres** in Union township, 1-1/2 mile to good town and close to school and a good farm; at the right price for a quick sale.

**80 acres** in Blackcreek township; fair house and a good slate-roof barn and crib; on a good road; 3-4 black and a producer; at the right price for quick sale.

**93 acres** in Dublin township, with modern house of 9 rooms, with basement and furnace heat, up to date; barn 30x60; splendid farm at the right price.

**47 acres** in Center, with good house but no barn; at \$5,500 for quick sale.

## J. A. Harvey Realty Co.

MERCER, OHIO

## Raudabaugh & Thomas

"INSURANCE AGENTS"

FIRE!! Lightning, Wind Storm, and Plate Glass Insurance. Live Stock Insured Against Death from Any Cause. Automobiles Insured Against Fire Anywhere. Subject to no assessments. Will furnish Surety Bonds.

Opposite Court House

CELINA, OHIO

## SEIZED GERMAN SHIPS IN SERVICE

Damage Done to 109 Vessels Repaired by Processes Deemed Unique.

### HOPES OF FOE ARE BAFFLED

Written Orders Show Central Authority Gave Instructions for Making Craft Useless—Navy Makes Great Record.

Washington.—Every one of the 109 German ships seized by the United States in the transport or cargo service, the damage deliberately done to their engines having been repaired thoroughly.

This information was given out by the committee on public information in the course of a statement which again confirmed the stories of the destruction secretly performed by German crews by orders from Berlin.

In the statement the committee says that "there is evidence that a German central authority gave an order for destruction on these ships effective on or about February 1, 1917, simultaneous with the date set for unrestricted submarine warfare, and that the purpose was to inflict such vital damage to the machinery of all German ships in our ports that none could be operated for from 18 months to two years. This purpose has been defeated in signal fashion. In less than eight months all the ships were in service."

Committee Tells of Repairs. In describing the means taken by the government to repair and reclaim three ships the public information committee says:

"There is documentary proof that the enemy believed the damage irreparable.

"To obtain new machinery would have entailed a prolonged process of design, manufacture and installation. Urged by the necessity of conserving time, the engineers of the navy department succeeded by unique means in patching and welding the broken parts, and replacing all of the standard parts, which the Germans detached from their engines and destroyed or threw overboard.

"The mechanical evidence is that the campaign of destruction was operated on these ships for more than two months and that the Germans were convinced that they were making a thorough job of it. Their scheme of ruin was shrewdly devised, deliberately executed, and it ranged from the plugging of steam pipes to the utter demolition of boilers by dry firing.

"When the United States shipping board experts first surveyed the ruin the belief was expressed that much new machinery would have to be designed, manufactured and installed, making 18 months a fair minimum estimate of the time required. However, at the navy department, where the need of troop and cargo ships was an urgent issue, officers of the bureau of steam engineering, having faith that the major portion of the repairs could be accomplished by patching and welding, declared it was possible to clear the ships for service by Christmas, and the last of the fleet actually took her final sea test and was ordered into service as a Thanksgiving gift to the nation.

"Many Volunteers Service. To accomplish this end the navy department secured the services of all available machinery welders and patchers, many of them having been voluntarily offered by the railroads.

"Most of the time that elapsed between the date on which work was begun and the date on which the last ship was put into commission after vigorous tests was, in fact, chargeable less to the actual repair work than to the tedious task of dismantling all machinery from bow to stern of every ship for inspection, thus eliminating every chance of overlooking concealed mutilation.

"The government's repair forces worked always in apprehension of concealed explosives. They found everywhere on the ships instances of wire pipe plugging of concealing steel nuts and bolts in delicate cylinders, of depositing ground glass in oil pipes and bearings, of cunningly changed indicators, of filling fire extinguishers with gasoline. The statement goes on to say:

"The method of patching and welding broken marine engines had never before been practiced, although the art has been known in the railroad industry for 15 years. Three methods of patching were used; electric welding, arc-welding and ordinary mechanical patching. The latter often later being welded. Following the repairs, tests of the machinery were first made at the docks, where the ships were lashed firmly to the piers while the propellers were driven at low speed, and later each ship was taken to sea for vigorous trial tests. The patches and welds were reported as having given complete satisfaction.

The former German liners, sailing under distinctly American names, are fitted as troop and cargo ships. Each is convertible to a completely equipped hospital ship for return voyage service. The fleet of seized merchantmen added 500,000 tons to the American merchant-marine.

What has become of the old-fashioned theorist who asserted that it was no policy to save anything?

When you have the back ache the liver or kidneys are sure to be out of gear. Try Sanol it does wonders for the liver, kidneys and bladder. A trial 35c bottle of Sanol will convince you. Get it at the drug store. adv.

**DR. W. H. THOMPSON** Wishes to announce that he has opened an office at his residence, 310 West Market street, for the general practice of medicine and surgery. Office hours—1 to 3 p. m. and 6 to 8 p. m. Day and night calls answered promptly. Phone 129.

## Young Woman! Young Man! Don't Be a Slacker

Prepare to help your country in these momentous times. Do your share in this hour of great national need. Qualify for Civil Service positions. Private business men need you. Good salaries at the start. The demand is greater than the supply. A number of our graduates have accepted Civil Service positions. If you desire to do your best for your country and your country's business firms, get the BEST training possible.

You can get THAT here. Begin your course in Business, Shorthand, Typewriting, Machine Bookkeeping and on the Calculating Machine at once. Don't put this off. Start now. Write or call for free catalogue.

Day School, new term, January 2.

## Lima Business College, Lima, Ohio

### IN REALTY CIRCLES

Bernard Jutte to Harry Willman and sons, part of land in Recovery township, \$5,000.

Emma and J. A. Witters to the People's Banking Co. lot 171, Coldwater, \$1,395.

People's Banking Company to Philip Roth, same, \$1,375.

Elizabeth Birkmeyer to E. P. Theis, lot 352, Coldwater, \$110.

C. Schroyer and wife to W. Schroyer and wife part of land in Washington township, \$2,000.

Ed Boehmer to Andrew Swetnam, part of land in Marion township, \$2,500.

J. Dorsten to J. Schlosser, part of lots 278, 290, Celina, \$1,500.

Sarah Yancy to Stanley Baer, lot 164, Coldwater, \$1,475.

J. D. Jones to Nervia Jones part of land in Gibson township, \$1.

Wilbur S. Hickernell to John W. Hagerman, part of land in Union township, \$7,800.

Cincinnati Daily Post and The Democrat, both one year, \$3.50.

### MERCER

Mrs. Katie Shinaberry has returned home after a month's visit with her daughter in Indiana.

Mrs. Iona Miller and daughter Waneta, of Lima, are spending the week with Mrs. Blanche Strete and family.

Ed Thomas and family visited C. W. Thomas last week.

Cinda Chapman is home from Chicago with her mother who is ill.

Uncle Hiram Allen is still poorly.

Rev. Roebuck filed the pulpit for Rev. Ely, Sunday.

Sunday, Rev. William Hook will preach at the M. E. church.

Cincinnati Daily Post and The Democrat, both one year, \$2.15.

**Attacked by Fire.** Cincinnati, Jan. 2.—Fire did damage to the extent of \$125,000 to the building occupied by Phillips & Richter, wholesale jewelers, Sarsan & Sauer, manufacturing jewelers, and the Natural Gas Supply company.

**Boys Lost in Blizzard.** Sandusky, O., Jan. 2.—George Kuki, 12; Mike Zipl, 12, and Joe Ontko, 13, perished when caught by the blizzard while they were skating to Marble head, where they lived, from Kelly's island, 10 miles out in Lake Erie.

**Killed While Felling Tree.** Lisbon, O., Jan. 2.—Struck by a tree he and his son were in the act of felling, Thomas Walter, 72, was instantly killed in the yard at his home near here. Six children and his widow survive him.

**FOR SALE** Town property and vacant lots for sale. Also Ford Automobile, almost new. Also some 1/4 inch lumber.—619 N. Sugar street. (22-1)

**Bred Gilts and Sows for Sale**

To make room for my Spring crop of Pigs, I have for sale eight or ten Spring Gilts, due to farrow in February. Prices ranging \$35.00 each.

Also a few aged Sows, due to farrow at same time, and others with Pigs by their side. For further information call or write FRANK SCHWIETEMAN, Montezuma, O.

## Loans on Real Estate

We have an unlimited amount of Money to loan on Real Estate. We make you a loan for 20 years, which you have the privilege of paying off at any time. You can pay it off the next day after you make the loan if you see fit.

Any amount you pay in advance is discounted to you, thereby saving a great deal of interest which you are compelled to pay in any other company or agency.

Our company is the only one that will make you a loan, so that if you have a failure of crops you will have nothing to pay. You pay no commission at any time when you make a loan with us. If you have a loan in some other company, or if you are buying a farm you had better take a 20-year loan with us before the rate of interest goes up, which is sure to come very soon.

## The Wagner Loan Company

Clyde E. Thomas, Agent

I. O. O. Temple,

CELINA, OHIO

## INSURE AND BE SURE

We represent the AETNA INSURANCE COMPANY for Farm and City property. Best Indemnity. Lowest cost. See or write us before placing your insurance.

## Brookhart & Hare

Richardson Building, CELINA, OHIO

### NEPTUNE

The funeral services of Joseph Van Fleet were held at the Church of God on Tuesday at 1:30, conducted by Rev. W. E. Turner. There was a large number of people from the community and some from Rockford and Dayton attending the services in respect to the aged man, who was past 91 years old.

There will be a meeting of the Red Cross at the Hall, Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

The installation of the officers and the teachers of the Sunday school of the Church of God will be held Sunday morning, after the services of the school.

School began Wednesday morning, after a week's vacation.

### MONTEZUMA

Ruth Monroe and Fae Servis of Celina, and Mae Ballinger spent Sunday with Bertha W. Turner.

Delmar Grunden returned to his work at Lima, Tuesday after a few days vacation at home.

V. H. Bennett and family, Albert Harrison and family, J. F. Monroe and family spent New Year's with Otis Monroe and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Johnson spent Wednesday of last week with R. E. Frank and family of Lima.

James Wills returned to his work at Dayton after spending his Christmas vacation at this place.

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Mrs. Andy Ritchie, Mrs. Z. T. Long and daughter, Ethel, Mrs. Cloyd Tobin and child and Mrs. J. L. Cenebaugh, Mrs. Noah Stafford and Grandma Kelly called on A. C. Long and family, Sunday afternoon.

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Capital, \$50,000.00  
Surplus and Profits, \$75,639.00

### These Are the Words of a Very Rich Man

"The American people are prodigal, and our extravagance will have to be paid for by some one. People are taking advantage of prosperity, such as has never been excelled in this country, to be wasteful and extravagant. We are not saving up for the rainy day, for the time of need."

How is it with yourself?

Are YOU saving for the rainy day, and putting aside a fund which will work tirelessly for you when perhaps you are sick, tired or worn out?

Don't you see that common sense demands that you should look to the future?

Save your money now

## The Commercial Bank Co.

CELINA, OHIO

The Bank for Savings and Good Service

### ST. HENRY

The remains of Jacob Brandt, a former student of the St. Henry High School, who died at Dayton, of pneumonia were brought here on Monday evening and taken to Zenz City for burial.

Mrs. Jacob Henne, of Cambridge City, Ind., died suddenly at this place last Thursday afternoon. In company with her son and other relatives she was on her way to visit a daughter at Lima, and died in the auto in which she was making the trip. She was 57 years of age. Roman Bros., undertakers, prepared the body for burial and accompanied it to Spencer, Ind. in the auto house of J. R. Desch, of Coldwater, and from there the body was taken to Cambridge City, Ind., for burial. The cause of her death was heart trouble.

The report that Frank Kothman with the U. S. Marines in France, had died of pneumonia is entirely without foundation and his father is at a loss to know how such a report could have been circulated as at last report Frank was in good health and had anything happened to him his father would no doubt have been the first one to be notified. Frank's many friends here are glad that the report is without foundation.

Lawrence Fieley, of St. Henry, a teacher in the Minster High School, left Monday for Cincinnati, to enlist in the U. S. Navy. He is among the final five per cent of the first draft contingent likely to be called to the colors next month.

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**CHURCH OF GOD** Rev. W. E. Turner, Pastor.

**CELINA TABERNACLE** Sunday school at 9 a. m.

Prayer services 7 p. m.

C. E. Service at 6 p. m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

**NEPTUNE** Sunday school 9:30 a. m.

Prayer services 11 a. m.

Prayer meeting Thursday evening 7:30.

Rev. Snively makes the following announcement:

Pleasant View services 10:30 a. m.

Mt. Carmel services at 7:30 p. m.

**LUTHERAN CHURCH** Sunday school, 8:45 a. m.

Mr. Wm. H. Hecht, Sec'y.

Divine services, 10:30 a. m.

Vesper services, 7:30 p. m.

The pastor, Rev. F. J. Reitz, who has been recalled after his resignation had been tendered, will be installed into his office Sunday evening. Rev. A. J. Braun of St. Mary's will conduct the service.

All are welcome.

**U. S. CHURCH** Union, Oldtown, Walnut Chapel and Spring Valley Sunday-schools all meet at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at Walnut Chapel at 10:30 a. m.

Protracted meeting is now on at Union with services every evening at 7:30.

**Notice, Farmers**

I will buy, or will trade, my Dayton business and property for farm. If interested write to Joseph J. Link, 400 North Main street, Dayton, O. 37-3t

**Money to Loan**

FARM LOANS at lowest rate of interest—Mortgage written for 5 years with Privilege of Renewal at expiration.

REMEMBER—We DO NOT write a 20 year Mortgage, and ask you to sign a Note, with the interest for the entire 20 years added to note when loan is made, as some Agencies do, who advertise 20-year Loans.

Our Mortgage and Note is for the exact amount borrowed, and each contain the written privilege of PAYING ANY SUM AT ANY TIME AND STOPPING INTEREST.

The mortgage records of the county will prove the above statements true.

**Ed L. Bryson**

**Sure Death to WORMS**

**HORSES, CATTLE, HOGS** Sold in the Bulk

**Baker's Drug Store**

**C. A. STUBBS,** ATTORNEY AT LAW CELINA, O. Rooms 1 and 2, Commercial Bank Building

## Why Limp About?

You Won't If You Take

### Rheumatic Relief

Any eminent physician will tell you that uric acid being present in the joints and muscles is the cause of rheumatism. By experiments within Mercer County we have perfected a purely vegetable compound which dissolves the uric acid from the system, and in this way the pain and swelling subside. If you are a sufferer with Rheumatic troubles, get a bottle of

### Rheumatic Relief

and be relieved from the pains and ills brought on by uric acid. A short trial will convince you. By using this remedy you take no dangerous coal-tar chemicals, which is the cause of many cancer troubles.

## Baker's Drug Store

## THE CELINA MARKET

The following were the quotations for grain, livestock, poultry and produce in the Celina market yesterday evening:

**GRAIN** (Furnished by Palmer & Miller)

Wheat, per bushel.....\$2.00  
Corn, per hundred pounds.....2.00  
Oats, per bushel......75  
Rye, per bushel......1.60

**HAY** (Furnished by L. G. Mc